

S-378
John Stewart Store House
Princess Anne
private

c. 1836

Standing on the northeast corner of Somerset Avenue and Broad Street is the old Stewart store building, a two-story, three-bay commercial structure that retains its essential early nineteenth-century form along with a few period finishes. Along with ^{a few} nine-over-six sash windows, the building has an intact boxed cornice with bed and crown moldings as well as flush gable ends.

The significance of this corner lot, however, dates to the eighteenth century when this site was the location of the first county courthouse in Princess Anne. John H. Stewart purchased this lot in December of 1835 from the Levy Court of Somerset County, it being, "...all that lot or parcel of ground on which the courthouse formerly stood in the Town of Princess Anne beginning at the northeast corner formed by the junction of Bridge and Broad streets in the said town and from the said corner running by and with Broad Street towards the public prison ninety-six feet..." (GH 8/188). John H. Stewart mortgaged the property several times during the 1840s and 1850s, and one mortgage between Samuel W. Jones and Stewart in 1863 mentions specifically, "...all that store house and lot of ground situate in Princess Anne in Somerset County and now occupied by the said John H. Stewart including the office and granary on said lot..." (LW 7/640).

Purchase of this property, "for the erecting and building a Court House and prison upon in Somerset County..." dates to 1743 after the partition of Somerset County and the creation of Worcester.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-378

Magi No. 2003785411

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Stewart Store House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Corner of N. Somerset Avenue and Broad Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Princess Anne ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
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			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
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			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

state ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Old Stewart store house stands on the northeast corner of Broad Street and North Somerset Avenue in the center of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame building faces south with the gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1836, the store building is supported by an excavated brick foundation, and it is sheathed with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched gable roof is clad with corrugated tin. The gable ends are flush, and the boxed cornices are trimmed with period bed and crown moldings.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation of windows and doors. The first floor has an off-center entrance gabled cellar entrance flanked by banks of modern sash windows. Two doors located in the eastern portion of the front wall open into the first floor or lead to the second floor apartment. The second floor is marked by three unevenly spaced six-over-one sash windows, and a four-pane window is located in the upper right corner.

The east gable end has a single six-over-six sash window on each floor, and the gable is finished with a plain bargeboard.

The west gable end, on the other hand, has a secondary entrance on the first floor along with flanking nine-over-six sash windows. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows.

The north side of the building is covered on the first floor by a shed addition, and the second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows.

The first floor interior has been reworked for restaurant use with no visible elements dating from the early nineteenth century.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates 1836

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

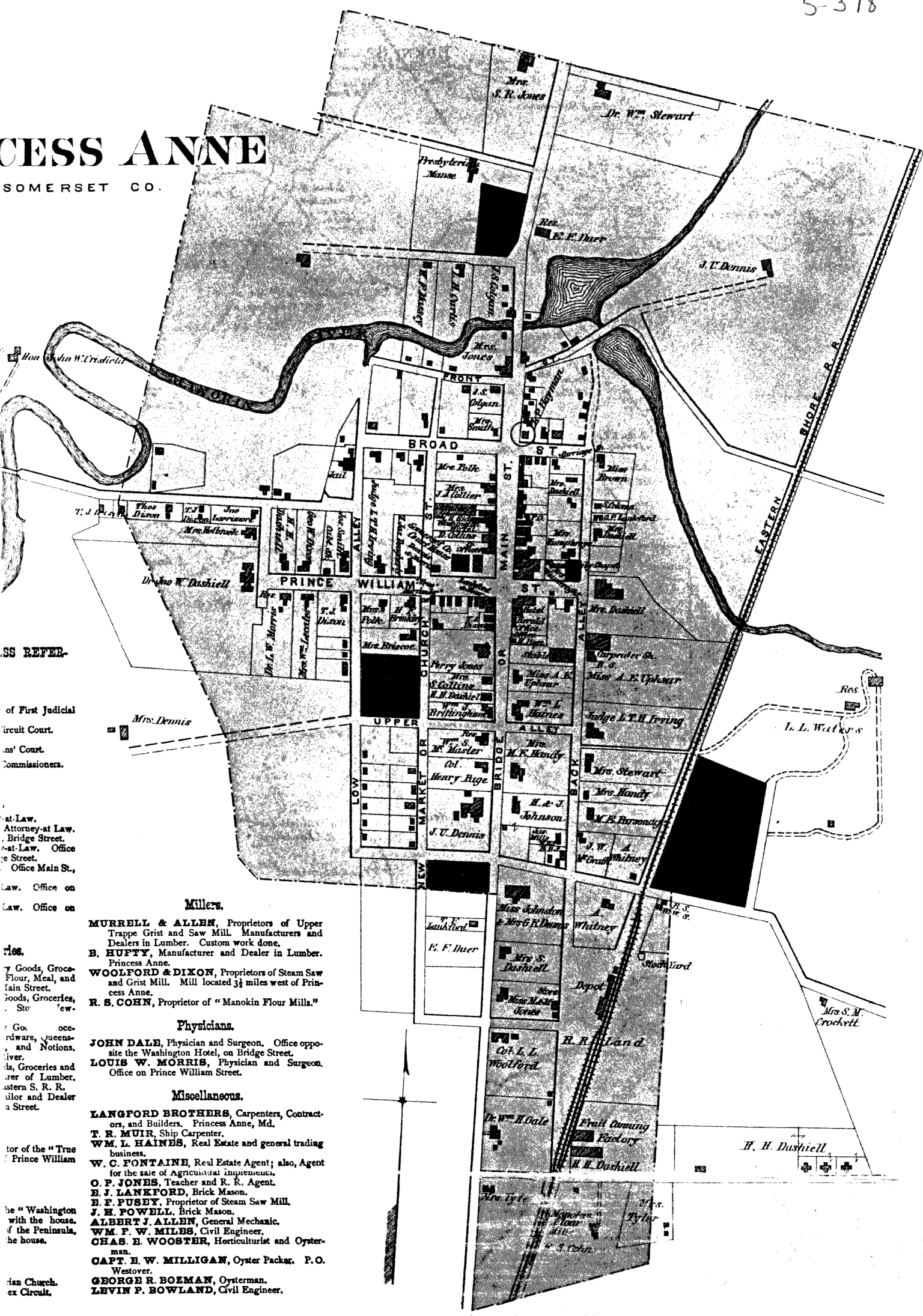
The Old Stewart store building survives as an early commercial structure sited in the center of Princess Anne. The two-story, three-bay frame structure retains its essential early nineteenth century form along with nine-over-six and six-over-six sash windows. The boxed cornice has period moldings, and the gable ends remain flush. The first floor fenestration has been altered to allow for restaurant booths along the front wall.

The history of this lot, however, dates back much farther than the construction of this two-story structure. John H. Stewart purchased this lot in December of 1835 from the Levy Court of Somerset County, it being, "all that lot or parcel of ground on which the court house formerly stood in the Town of Princess Anne beginning at the north east corner formed by the junction of Bridge and Broad streets in the said town and from said corner running by and with Broad Street towards the public prison ninety-six feet..."(GH 8/188). John H. Stewart mortgaged the property several times during the 1840s and 1850s, and one mortgage between Samuel W. Jones and Stewart in 1863 mentions specifically, "all that store house and lot of ground situate in Princess Anne in Somerset County and now occupied by the said John H. Stewart including the office and granary on said lot..." (LW 7/640).

Purchase of this property, "...for the erecting and building a Court house and prison upon in Somerset County..." dates to 1743 after the partition of Somerset County and creation of Worcester. The official boundary of the public ground, "...was bounded on the west by the East side of the main street of the said Town on the south by a straight line drawn cross the main street from the south end of a house in the said Town belonging to Robert King and David Wilson by the south side of the prison to the back street of line of aforesaid Town and thence by the west side of the said lane to a Lott in the possession of Captain John Tunstall and thence by the south side of the said Lott and of a Lott in the possession of Mr. John White to the main street..."(X/72-73).

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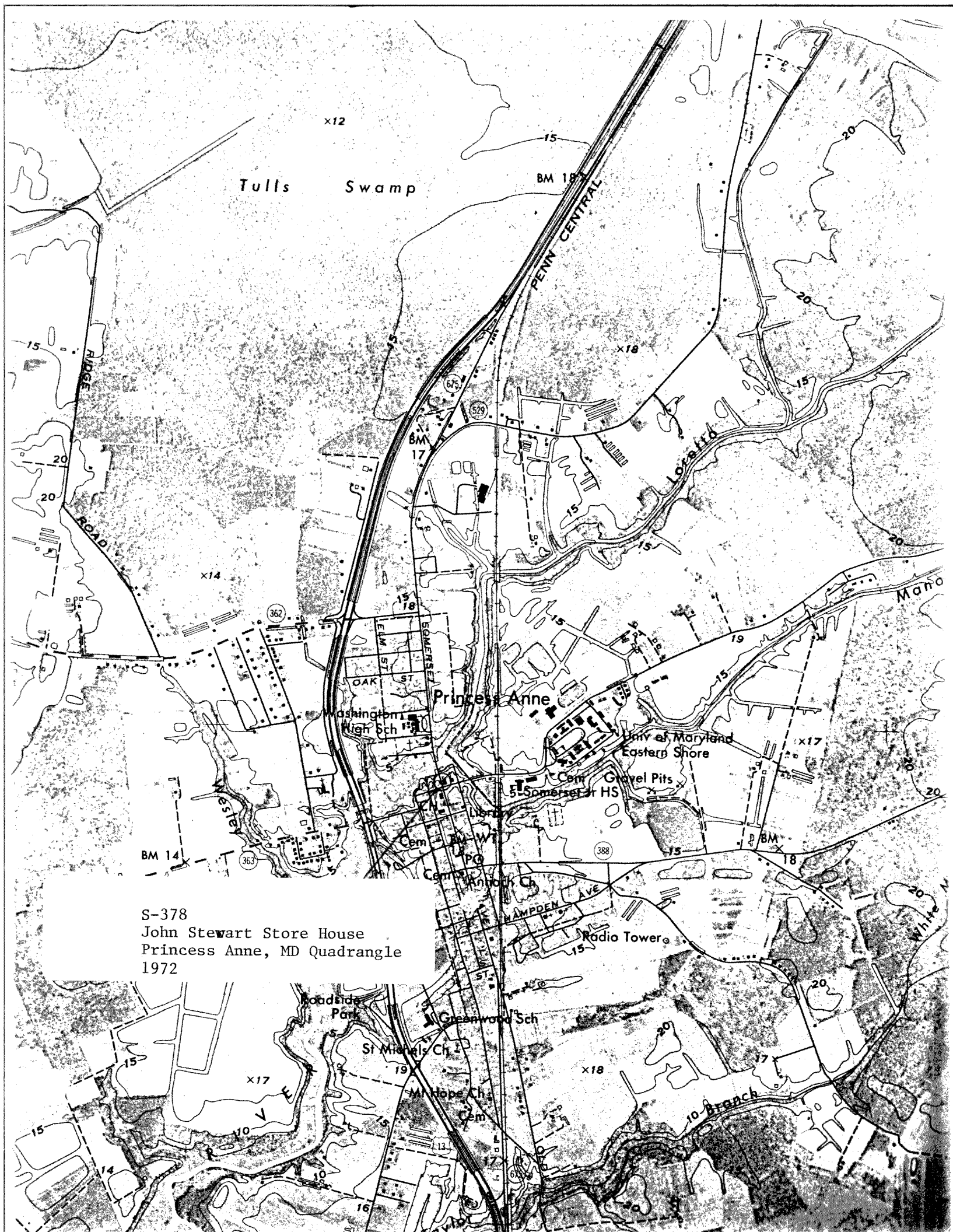
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- B. HUFTY**, Manufacturer and Dealer in Lumber.
Princess Anne.
- WOOLFORD & DIXON**, Proprietors of Steam Saw
and Grist Mill. Mill located 3½ miles west of Prin-
cess Anne.
- R. S. COHN**, Proprietor of "Manokin Flour Mills."
- Physicians.**
- JOHN DALE**, Physician and Surgeon. Office oppo-
site the Washington Hotel, on Bridge Street.
- LOUIS W. MORRIS**, Physician and Surgeon.
Office on Prince William Street.
- Miscellaneous.**
- LANGFORD BROTHERS**, Carpenters, Contract-
ors, and Builders. Princess Anne, Md.
- T. R. MUIR**, Ship Carpenter.
- WM. L. HAINES**, Real Estate and general trading
business.
- W. C. FONTAINE**, Real Estate Agent; also, Agent
for the sale of Agricultural implements.
- O. P. JONES**, Teacher and R. R. Agent.
- E. J. LANEFORD**, Brick Mason.
- E. F. PUSEY**, Proprietor of Steam Saw Mill.
- J. E. POWELL**, Brick Mason.
- ALBERT J. ALLEN**, General Mechanic.
- WM. F. W. MILES**, Civil Engineer.
- CHAS. E. WOOSTER**, Horticulturist and Oyster-
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- CAPT. E. W. MILLIGAN**, Oyster Packer. P. O.
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- GEORGE R. BOZEMAN**, Oysterman.
- LEVIN P. BOWLAND**, Civil Engineer.



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John Stewart Store House
Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle
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Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.
South Elevation
5/86, Paul Touart, Photographer
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